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Mr. James P. Bearzi, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the final document entitled *Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Waters of the Valle Vidal*. Based on our review, we conclude that the TMDLs listed above meet the requirements found in Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations found at 40 CFR §130.7. EPA is pleased to approve the loadings contained in the TMDL specified in the enclosed table.

Included in this TMDL submittal was a TMDL Implementation Plan. Presently, EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation plans under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Therefore, EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the TMDL Implementation Plan submitted by the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED).

EPA also approves these loadings as updates to the State of New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan.

We commend you and your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing these TMDLs. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me at (214) 665-7101 or Linda Adams of my staff at (214) 665-6546.

Sincerely yours,

William K. Honker, P.E.  
Acting Director  
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Enclosure

cc: James Hogan, NMED  
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**TMDLs for the Waters of Valle Vidal**

**Loads and Concentrations**

	Segment	Pollutant	WLA	LA	MOS	TMDL	Target Concen.
Gold Creek	NM-2120.A_835	Temperature	0	144.71 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	16.08 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	160.79 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	20° C
Holmsn Creek	NM-2120.A_837	Temperature	0	124.04 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	13.78 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	137.82 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	
La Belle Creek	NM-2120.A_839	Temperature	0	139.59 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	15.51 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	155.10 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	
North Ponil Creek	NM-2306.A_162	Temperature	0	115.17 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	12.80 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	127.97 j/m <sup>2</sup> /s/day	

Waterbody	Segment	Pollutant	WLA	LA	MOS	TMDL	Target Concen.
Middle Ponil Creek	NM-2306.A_124	Total Phosphorus	0	0.10 lbs/day	0.01 lbs/day	0.11 lbs/day	0.02 mg/L
Middle Ponil Creek	NM-2306.A_124	Total Nitrogen	0	1.18 lbs/day	0.13 lbs/day	1.31 lbs/day	0.25 mg/L